

# BILLINGS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA & CHORALE

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## The Billings Symphony Orchestra & Chorale Presents the Annual Family Concert: *Symphony in the Wild*

BILLINGS MT- The Billings Symphony Orchestra & Chorale (BSO&C) presents **Symphony in the Wild**, for our annual Family Concert Saturday, January 19 at 12 p.m. at the Alberta Bair Theater. The concert is general seating. Admission is \$6.50. Learn about the instruments at **Adventures in Music Day** our annual Instrument Petting Zoo, at the Billings Public Library from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. also on Saturday, January 19. **Adventures in Music Day** is free to the public.



**Symphony in the Wild** features some of your favorite animal themed music, from *Hedwig's Theme from Harry Potter*, to *How to Train your Dragon*. Also featured in this performance are special animal guests from ZooMontana. Gabel, a Great Horned Owl; Mesa, a Sonoran Gopher Snake; and Kuzco, a Green Iguana will be a few of the animal's present.

The fun begins earlier in the day with **Adventures in Music Day** (AiM Day) at the Billings Public Library from 9 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. AiM Day is free to the public. Children, parents and grandparents are invited to play and learn about instruments of all kinds. Visit String Street, Brass Boulevard, Percussion Plaza, and Woodwind Way. There might be some special animal guests at the Library too! Extra passports are available at [billingsymphony.org/family-concert/](http://billingsymphony.org/family-concert/).

**Symphony in the Wild** is one of 15 music education and community engagement programs of the BSO&C's Explore Music! program. Explore Music! assists in sharing symphonic music with as many people as possible and in cultivating a lifelong appreciation for the performing arts. The BSO&C's annual family concert has evolved from a one-day event to a culmination of ongoing outreach efforts to the schools and after school sites to inspire children to learn through classical music.

Through grants from the McDonald Family Foundation, the Dennis & Phillis Washington Foundation, and the Homer & Mildred Scott Foundation, the BSO&C will send musicians to 15 area schools and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Yellowstone County.

As part of the Tippet Rise fund of the Sidney E. Frank Foundation, the BSO&C will perform **Symphony in the Wild** in Red Lodge, performing for 14 schools in Carbon and Stillwater counties. This performance is free of charge.

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Anyone with specific accessibility needs for the ***Symphony in the Wild*** concert at the Alberta Bair Theater is encouraged to call Candy Holzer, BSO&C's Education Director, at 252.3610 at least 7 days prior to the concert.

This year's family concert is generously sponsored by the Billings Gazette, Sibanye Stillwater, EBMS and KTVQ-2. Additional support for AiM Day is provided by, the Montana Arts Council, the Montana Cultural Trust, the National Endowment for the Arts, The McDonald Family Foundation, The Charles M. Bair Family Trust, The Billings Community Foundation, and our 2018-2019 season sponsor, The Oakland Companies.

For more information about the BSO&C's family concert, or any of the community engagement activities related to the concert, call 252-3610 or visit [billingsymphony.org](http://billingsymphony.org).

Tickets for ***Symphony in the Wild*** are available by calling 252-3610, visiting [billingsymphony.org](http://billingsymphony.org), and at the Billings Public library during **Adventures in Music Day** from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

For more information:

[www.billingsymphony.org/family-concert/](http://www.billingsymphony.org/family-concert/)

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